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Vienna, December 11. *N. S.*

Lieutenant-General Palmes, her Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, has lately had an Audience of the Emperor upon the present Situation of the Affairs of the Allies, and particularly to press that immediate Succours may be sent to Spain; towards which this Court seems well dispos'd. Monsieur de Mellarede is expected here, as Minister from the Duke of Savoy, with a Commission to use all his Endeavours for removing the Difficulties which have hitherto obstructed the giving entire Satisfaction to his Royal Highness on his Pretensions, according to the Treaty made with the late Emperor. General Meyerfeldt went from hence the 5th Instant for Bender, to execute some Orders he has received from the Queen-Grandmother and Regency of Sweden: He proposes to wait on his Swedish Majesty, and return hither in about forty Days. The Archdutchess, his Imperial Majesty's eldest Daughter, has been taken ill of the Small Pox, and the Emperor (who has never had that Distemper himself) and the Empress have chang'd their Apartments on that Occasion; however we are in great hopes of the Archdutchess's Recovery, this being the eighth Day, and the Small Pox coming out without any ill Symptons. The late Princess of Lamberg, Lady to the Prince of Lamberg, who is Master of the Horse to the Emperor, was buried last Night with great Ceremony in the Scotch Church. Count Metternich, the Prussian Minister, arrived here the 5th Instant from Ratisbon. This Court receiv'd Advice this Morning from the Camp before Erla, that the Castle there had surrender'd to the Imperialists, on the same Terms of Capitulation as the Town of Neuhausel had done before. The Reduction of this Place, as it is said, will streighten the Malecontents very much, and encourages this Court to hope for a speedy end of that War.

Berlin, December 13. *N. S.* The Queen of Prussia continues still to keep her Chamber, by reason of her Indisposition: The King made her Yesterday a Present of a Brilliant Ring, as he usually does about Christmas; his Majesty at the same time gave another to the Princess-Royal, but of a lesser Value. There were many Debates in Council last Week, concerning the Measures which are to be taken in relation to the Passage of the King of Poland with his Retinue and Baggage from Dantzick to Dresden; it was resolv'd at last to grant a free Passage to all who should produce an Attestation from his Polish Majesty, that they belong'd to him; and Orders are accordingly sent to the several Officers and Magistrates in the Towns on the Road, to shew all manner of Respect and Civility to that King and his whole Court, as they pass thro' his Prussian Majesty's Territories. Monsieur Kline, Privy-Councellor to the Duke of Mecklenburg, is return'd hither: He has several Affairs to sollicit here on the part of his Master; and as some new Difficulties have arisen between that Duke and his Nobility, which have broke off the late Conferences for an Accommodation, it is said this Minister presses his Prussian Majesty to send his Master either a Regiment of Foot, or Dragoons, to support his Pretensions, and awe his Nobility into that Respect which he insists to be due to his Sovereignty. That Duke is also desirous that the King would use his Interposition to induce his younger Brother, Prince Charles, to take again the Princess his Lady, from whom he is parted, having sent her Home to her Brother the Prince of Oostfrise. This Court has been much concern'd to hear of the Death of his Excellency Ezechiel Baron de Spanheim, who died at London the 14th of the last Month, O. S. of a Lethargy, in the eighty first Year of his Age. The King express'd himself in Council to be particularly sensible of the loss of a Person, who was his eldest Minister of State, who had been so long his Ambassador-Extraordinary at the Court of Great Britain, and whose Abilities, Experience, Fidelity and Diligence had made him highly valu'd by his Master, and much esteem'd by all. His Majesty has committed the Management of his Affairs in Great Britain to Monsieur Bonet, who is his Resident there. The King has receiv'd Advice, that the Marriage between his Nephew, the Duke of Courland, and the Princess of Muscovy, has been at last Consummated at Petersburg. We hear his Czarish Majesty's Court is very pressing to have Messieurs Imhoff and Pringsten, who made the Treaty of Alt-Ranstadt, brought to their Tryal, in order to be punish'd for their Behaviour on that Occasion. To comply with these Instances, and to have their Case well examined, his Polish Majesty has order'd seven Doctors of the Civil Law to be Summon'd to meet at Dresden on that Account.

Brussels, December 22. *N. S.* We can as yet receive no Advices from Spain, but what come thro' the Enemies Hands. The publick News from France give us extravagant Relations of the good Posture of the Duke of Anjou's Affairs, and of the Retreat of King Charles towards Arragon. Several Letters from St. Sebastian, and particularly the latest, which are of the 9th Instant, make no mention of the successful Progress which the Duke of Anjou is said to make daily in Spain; however it seems to be agreed, that his Catholick Majesty having thought it necessary to support his Affairs in Catalonia, whither the Duke of Noailles was coming with an Army, had taken his Way towards Arragon with a strong Detachment of Horse, and had given Orders to the rest of his Army to follow; that upon his Catholick Majesty's retiring the Duke of Anjou advanc'd with his Forces, and had entred again into possession of Madrid. The Particulars of this Retreat, with the Reasons which induced King Charles to abandon Castille, we must expect by other Hands than those from which we receive them at present, before we can know what Credit is to be given to the French Relations. The Dutchess of Anjou design'd to go

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